

The Community's State of Health

The Health Department maintains a variety of health data.

Here's how to get it:

- Go to www.lincoln.ne.gov. Type the word data in the keyword search box and you'll be connected to health reports, data and Quick Facts.
- Or, you can call the Office of Health Data and Evaluation at 441-8094

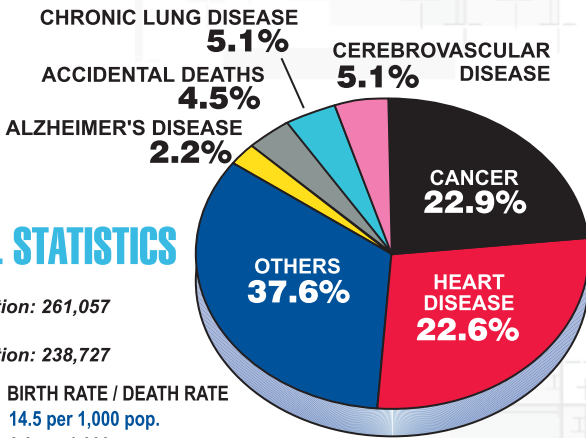
2003 VITAL STATISTICS

Lancaster County
Estimated Population: 261,057
City of Lincoln
Estimated Population: 238,727

	NUMBER	BIRTH RATE / DEATH RATE
BIRTHS	4,043	14.5 per 1,000 pop.
DEATHS	1,718	6.6 per 1,000 pop.

COMMUNITY HEALTH INDICATORS

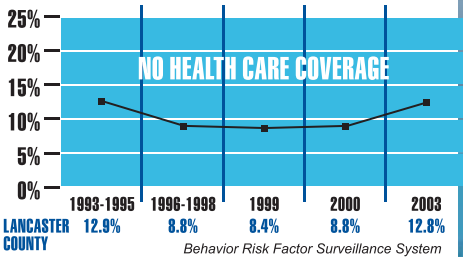
Low Birth Weight Rate: 74 per 1,000 live births
Infant Mortality Rate: 5.7 per 1,000 live births
Teen Pregnancy Rate: 76 per 1,000 live births



Changes in Lifestyle Behaviors Will Have Long Term Effects on Reducing Our Leading Killers

Access to Health Care is a Major Concern for Many People

The Adult Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) is an ongoing surveillance program that is designed to estimate the prevalence of health risk factors for the major causes of death and disability in the County, many of which are behavioral in nature.



- During 2003, 12.8 percent (approximately 25,595) of Lancaster County residents aged 18 years and older did not have any kind of health care coverage.
- Nearly 10% of Lancaster County adults reported that they could not see a doctor in the past twelve months when they needed to because of the potential cost of care.

Tobacco Use

High School Students*

	1991	1993	1995	1997	1999	2001	2003
EVER TRIED SMOKING	72.8	65.4	66.4	66.7	61.9	63.9	49.2
SMOKED DURING PAST 30 DAYS	39.6	32.5	38.8	40.7	34.6	31.2	19.1
SMOKED EVERY DAY PAST 30 DAYS	18.3	12.9	14.3	13.5	10.7	10.7	5.9
CHEW/SNUFF PAST 30 DAYS	12.1	11.5	10.9	12.0	7.7	5.2	6.8

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*Grade Adjusted

Youth Risk Behavior Survey

For the past 14 years the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) continues to be an important surveillance, policy, and program management tool for Lincoln and Lancaster County. YRBS data provide quantifiable evidence of serious health risks among youth that demand public attention and public health action. As such, the data are useful in raising public awareness of the extent of youth risk behaviors.

The Youth Risk Behavior Survey is possible because of the support from Lincoln Public Schools and Lancaster County Schools. A special thanks to the principals, teachers and students for over 14 years of participation.

